

EACH IS A CREDIT

The Commendable Work Performed by Two Societies.

FARMER AND HORTICULTURAL

A Union Meeting of the Two Organizations Reviews the Work Done by the Societies.

Some time during the summer the West Michigan Farmers' club and the Grand River Valley Horticultural society determined to hold a union meeting September 13 at the new room in the county building. A long driving rain prevented a large attendance and the meeting was adjourned for one month.

Yesterday at 2:30 o'clock President J. M. Pearson of the Farmers' club called the meeting to order, the minutes being read by Secretary A. W. Clayton also of the Farmers' club. The attendance was not large but there was a fine table of grapes to be inspected and sampled, having been brought from the vineyard of A. W. Clayton. There were in all nine or ten varieties and the fruit was most perfect and tempting.

The program intended for the former meeting was given yesterday. Vice President J. A. Pearson of the Horticultural society was down for a paper, "The History of the Grand River Valley Horticultural Society, Its Aims and Purposes."

Mr. Pearson's talk. Mr. Pearson said that he had been too busy to prepare a paper, but rather than disappoint the program committee, he would say a few words on the subject. He said: "I came to Grand Rapids a year ago and started out to identify myself with the Horticultural society, which I found in a little room on Lyon street. The meeting was presided over by Charles W. Garfield, and as I had pictured him to myself a large, portly, dark-complexioned man, I was somewhat disappointed when I saw him. Since knowing him, however, I have found him to be as large a man as I ever imagined him to be. He has done much in the way of improving the farm kitchen garden, by advice and by arousing interest. He has labored long and earnestly for anything that will benefit the home. Over on the lake shore the farmers said we discussed too wide a range of subjects, so the Horticultural society was formed to discuss peaches principally. It is directly owing to the labors of the society that berries are now brought into market in neat boxes instead of being handled over and over again until they are almost worthless. Many of the best business men of the city have been identified with the society from time to time. They could not meet with us every time, but they desired to show their interest in our work. This society has done much to encourage farmers, many of whom are making a specialty of some particular kind of fruit or vegetable. There is another thing that should be done, and that is to work more persistently for the establishment of a city market. Efforts should also be put forth to secure a better rate for peaches, which are now shipped at a rate of one and one-third."

A City Market.

Thomas L. Brown said that one reason perhaps why the city did not reason a market was the general idea that it would entail large taxes on the city. He did not believe the city should pay the entire tax, but was not quite clear as to how it should be done. Certainly the farmers ought to pay some proportion of it, since they would be so greatly benefited.

L. S. Linderman said the proper place, in his opinion, for a market is the island, though perhaps it is not available now.

W. N. Cook advocated the market bridge between Bridge and Pearl streets, but Mr. Brown thought that if the future as it has in the past, the bridge scheme would not suffice. During the past summer fully two miles of farmers' teams were on the market each morning.

The next topic was, "Origin and Growth of the West Michigan Farmers' club, Its Object and Its Purposes," by L. S. Linderman, but Mr. Linderman said he was not identified with the club in its early days, and he had no data to be governed by. When he joined the club it was a large institution. He thought he could give nothing interesting in an impromptu talk. He understood the object of the club to be the elevation of agricultural work, the improving of the breed of cattle, the raising of better stock and the making of better roads. The question of fertilization had been thoroughly discussed, and the seed question had been overhauled with beneficial results. The use of a farmers' club is important to all. Whatever benefits the farmer benefits the mechanic also. The farmer who stays away from the club meeting is working to his own disadvantage and to the disadvantage of others also.

Gardening Under Glass.

"Gardening Under Glass, Financial, Economical, Statistical," was the subject of a carefully prepared paper by Thomas L. Brown.

Of the introduction of the world renowned Grand Rapids forcing lettuce, Mr. Brown said: "Twenty years ago T. R. Bennett and John Tuttle were the only men engaged in horticulture in Grand Rapids. But there has been a great change since then. In 1876 a new variety of lettuce now widely known, and catalogued by all the leading seedsmen in the country as the 'Grand Rapids,' originated in the market garden of Jonathan and Frederick Davis. The variety was so superior in anything before grown by them that they at once selected the finest head for seed, and after a few years of careful handling and improving it became an established variety of great worth. Too much cannot be said in its favor. Seedsmen try to outdo each other in describing its merits. Sharp & Sons grow the first lettuce for our

markets. Eugene Davis shipped the first lettuce. It went to Hull & Co., Jackson, in 1884.

First Lettuce Shipment.

The first lettuce shipment out of this state was sent by T. E. Brown & Sons to George Davis, of Cleveland, in March, 1885. Ten years from that the introduction of the variety had passed before the Grand Rapids became famous or its growers aware of the great outside demand. Although lettuce is king, our growers are branching out into other things: parsley, chrysanthemums, carnations and roses are now grown for an outside market. If the million of persons living in Chicago should want our lettuce we would have to add considerably to our plants to supply them, but Chicago buys by the dozen and its price is gauged for stock so inferior to that grown here that it leaves no profits to our growers. Last winter an attempt was made to establish selling by the pound but like all previous attempts it failed, Chicago not wishing to have a little country town like Grand Rapids telling it how to do business. There is no market to be compared to Chicago for disposing of produce of poor quality.

The Growth of Greenhouses.

We have no fields under glass yet as Boston has, lighted with electricity and plowed by electricity but the growth of our business is ever pushing forward. In 1880 at one time lettuce sold for 70 cents a pound. Since then it has never reached over 30 cents. Now if we are getting 20 cents we are satisfied. With the lower prices come as a matter of course a wider demand. In addition to the acres under glass in vegetables, are more acres in cut flowers and plants making in the aggregate tens of thousands of dollars worth of greenhouse products grown annually.

At the close of the reading a brief discussion was held and S. S. Bailey described his experience in growing a field of rape for fodder. He sowed it July 13 and it has now a tall rank growth without blossoms.

The meeting then adjourned for the purpose of making a closer inspection and more intimate acquaintance with the luscious grapes which Mr. Clayton had provided. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the same hour and place.

LAW AND LAWYERS.

Circuit Court—Part I.

JUDGE GROVE.
Josiah Brown vs. The Township of Bowne, trespass on the case; on trial.

Circuit Court—Part II.

JUDGE ADAMS.

George Keidan vs. William Winger, assumpsit; judgment for plaintiff for \$166.12 and costs.

Superior Court.

JUDGE BURLINGAME.

The People vs. William H. Kindra, saloon open on legal holiday; verdict, on trial.

The City vs. M. A. Pierce, obstructing a street; on trial.

Probate Court.

JUDGE PERKINS.

Estate of William Walker, deceased; petition for administration filed; hearing November 4.

Estate of Don C. Simmons, deceased; petition for administration filed; hearing November 4.

Estate of George Bolt, deceased; George Bolt, Jr., appointed administrator.

Estate of Frank A. Salyer, deceased; guardian's annual account filed.

Estate of Daniel H. Hamilton, deceased; administrator's final account allowed.

Estate of Henry L. Finney, deceased; order determining heirs at law.

Sued for His Mother's Keeping.

St. Joseph's Retreat, located in Dearborn, began a suit in the circuit court yesterday, by Maynard & Chase, its attorneys, against Michael McNerney, to recover an alleged debt of \$1,000. McNerney placed his aged mother in the retreat, where she remained for several years and up to the time of her death. He paid a portion of the expense and the corporation claims a balance of \$1,000 remaining unpaid. The defendant is a resident of this city and an engineer on the C. & W. M. railroad.

Divorced for Infidelity.

Upon the report of William S. Baird, a notary public before whom proofs were taken in the bill of complaint, Judge Adams granted Virginia Root a decree of divorce yesterday from Thomas B. Root, on the ground of adultery. The court further ordered that the defendant shall not marry for the period of two years from the date of the decree.

Vera Leathers Gets a Divorce.

On motion of Andrew J. Reeves, counsel for the complainant, Judge Adams granted Vera Leathers a decree of divorce yesterday from Clyde Leathers, on the grounds of failure to support and extreme cruelty. The defendant was prohibited from marrying at any time within two years from the reading of the decree.

Expensive Postal Card.

Benjamin Sears, a young boy living in Allegan county, paid a fine of \$30 in the United States court yesterday for sending a defamatory postal card to Dr. W. H. Gunn of this city. He claimed the doctor owed him 50 cents and wrote a card threatening to have him published if he did not pay it.

Ley Will Keep the Peace.

William Ley was taken into police court yesterday on a complaint made by Peter Peterson, asking that he be required to give surety to keep the peace. Ley had thrown stones through the window of Peterson's house and threatened to kill him. He furnished bonds of \$300 to keep the peace for six months.

Morse Was Discharged.

M. M. Morse, the Monroe street merchant, was arrested for blocking the sidewalk with dry goods boxes, but he was released in police court yesterday on suspended sentence by the payment of \$1.35 costs.

Court Notes.

Luther J. Bennett, an old soldier of McBrides, Montross county, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Syrup of Figs.

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